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## FROM THE EDITOR...



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Hello Again from Beautiful DOWNTOWN Lakewood!

October is on us now, and it is about time.

The last month was a busy one. I hope that all of you had an opportunity to participate in some of the activities that have been going on around here.

The W7DK at the fair went very well. Again, kudos to Pat KD7TRC and all the folks down at Acme industries who did the woodwork for the RCT booth. The new design was very catching and made it a better experience for those of us that worked the fair. I thought that the fair was not as busy as it has been in prior years, but that was probably because I had all morning shifts. Attendance peaked up in the evening hours.

Another big event at W7DK was the Slammin' salmon run! The Mighty 'DK Krew worked 37 of the 39 Washington counties. Al, N7OMS was the sparkplug for this event! Al also deserves a big hand from the membership, because all the proceeds from the Salmon Run will be going to finance much-needed repairs to the W7DK clubhouse.

Most of us never stop to think about what an asset having your own clubhouse is! I would venture to say the very few active radio clubs in the US have such a neat facility to play in!

73 Gary WG7X



**Dateline: October 2007**

**Sparky's "View from the Shack"**

*This and that, around the club, and more...*

These articles are intended to browse through recent activities and coming events of possible interest to the Radio Club of Tacoma members. It will of course by design and intent be informal and attempt to record some of the Club's activities that might otherwise go unnoticed.

So, with little fanfare and less expectations, to infinity, and beyond...

A little editorial philosophy

*While there occasionally may be reason and rhyme as we go along, the goal is to ramble through the many and varied activities of the Club and its members as we take another trip around the sun.*

**"Sparky"** welcomes comments, ideas and letters to "The RCT View", but reserves the right to procrastinate, and generally ignore social engineering or cranky inputs.

- *That sed, we cast off on a new voyage in uncharted waters.*

- Donations, every little bit helps
- W7DK at the Fair...
- Salmon Run and Clubhouse repair...
- Around the Shack...
- Elections are coming, Elections are coming



### **"Donations, every little bit helps..."**

Sparky notes that the club has a win-win situation...

When someone has a donation, equipment or cash, the club wins because it profits either by having more equipment to conduct operations with, expanding our Museum or Library collections, or by realizing cash from the sale of items excess to the Club's needs..

Donors win because their donations are tax deductible... Recently a donation acceptance team picked up over a hundred items from the estate of former member Ralph Bush N7HKS, now a Silent Key.....



## W7DK at the Fair

The Month of September has been another opportunity seized by the Club to tell the story of Amateur Radio to the public. Fair crowds run between 15 and almost a hundred thousand visitors a day. While those that stop by our booth to browse are fewer, we have a unique face to face opportunity to promote this great hobby and service of ours and make the public aware of the Club's commitment to training and operating in the Amateur Radio Service. Some of our visitors were themselves are Hams and some renew their interest in the hobby. Others show up at our training classes to kick off a new hobby. This year a Boy Scout leader dropped by to seek help with teaching a Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge program. Once again, Pat KD7TRC and her team have produced an eye catching and visitor friendly booth in the Hobby Hall. It takes a lot of work to make the W7DK at the Fair work, beginning with making arrangements for the brochures, setting up and testing antennas and equipment, hauling some of our antique gear down and arranging for coverage of the booth. Mailing tickets and instructions have to be done, and of course taking it all down when the fair ends. Although Pat had help, far more is needed. More help in the planning and setting up next year would make this an enjoyable project for everyone instead of a harrowing project for a few.

## Salmon Run and Clubhouse repair...

Last month, we outlined Al Ferguson N7OMS' ambitious project to raise some needed funds for maintenance, repair and improvement of our Clubhouse facilities. The Salmon Run Pledge Drive is now history and we have done well. Although we missed a clean sweep of the Washington State 39 Counties, with the dedicated work of Gary McAdams WG7X, Rich Patrick KR7W, and others we did pick off 37 counties. Helped in part by the Club expedition and mobile teams which deployed to Wahkiakum, Grays Harbor and Asotin Counties and others to make the Western Washington QSO party a great success and lots of fun.

The response from our membership has been gratifying to say the least. If you've already paid, thank you. If you pledged, check the website for the official county count, and send your pledge payable to "The Radio Club of Tacoma" marked for "Salmon Run" to the Club, PO Box 1188, Tacoma WA 98411.

Al, N7OMS tells me that the clubhouse repair and improvement projects will be posted to the website and will begin as soon as we can get ready.





**Don't stop thinking about tomorrow...**

As the leaves turn red, yellow and brown, and the nights get longer, its time for our fall programs.... Steve AD7AB starts up the Technician two day course October 6th and 7th, and Rich N7ANF is working on the Annual Awards Banquet, now scheduled for December 8th at the TACID facility. I'll bet the Officers and members of our illustrious Board would welcome some recommendations for awards to those who've made our year a better one and helped the club accomplish its goals.

Why not tell them who you think should be recognized/thanked and why you think so...

**Nominations and Elections**

Here's some food for thought... We have somewhere around 240+ members, Only 35 to 50 normally attend our regular meetings, and only around 10 to 15 show up at the Board meetings. Finally the four officers and 5 board members hold in their hands the reigns and responsibilities for our daily operations and future planning. That's not good or bad, just reality. Your opportunity to influence the course is basically once a year at the ballot box, make good use of your opportunity, either to serve, or select leaders thoughtfully.

Time is almost gone to stick your oar in the water and affect the direction of this venerated Club... By the time you get this issue of the BARK, the window to make nominations will be nearly closed, but not quite. At the 10 October meeting, the Nominating committee will table their selections for the offices running for election this year. Nominations can be made from the floor, assuming the candidate has agreed to and is qualified in terms of active membership requirements. That's the last chance to be on the ballot form which must be mailed by the end of the month.

If our grand tradition and history are to continue, good stewardship and leadership are the key elements for success, and to take the club into an ever changing and challenging future.

Its up to you.

Join us at the Annual Membership Meeting, November 14th to help set next year's course and goals...

Sparky

*"if you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do, you are misinformed"* Mark Twain

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### 5 September, 2007 BOARD MEETING

The 5 September 2007 Board meeting was held at the Radio Club of Tacoma club house. President Randy Thompson AD7FF called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Officers and board members present:

President: Randy Thompson AD7FF  
Vice President: Jill Palmer K7JIL  
Treasurer: Gary McFadden K7UPG  
Board Member: Peter Baker AD7EU  
Board Member: Gary McAdams WG7X  
Board Member: Alan Lentz W7AML  
Board Member: Nick Winter K7MO

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

None. Secretary on vacation

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

None. Treasurer's computer crashed; he is still recovering

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Randy has appointed Roger Terwilliger, WA7ANJ, and Mick

Pier, KK7QS, to the 2007 Nominating Committee. A 3<sup>rd</sup> person will be announced soon.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

During the clubhouse window installation, the sheetrock on the wall next to the copy machine was accidentally damaged. Steve Blacksten, KD7UBE, provided equipment and material to repair the wall but so far the damage has not been repaired. Steve inquired as to when this work would be done. Al Burleson, K7HW, reiterated that he would repair the wall.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Heselberg, K7MXE, is getting several replacement garage keys made. There will be a spare in the lockbox this weekend.

Steve Blacksten, KD7UBE, knows of a tandem-axle frame trailer for free.

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If the club is interested in it, he will pursue getting a title. Steve says there is a frame, axle, and lights; no title; sight-unseen. It is in a trailer court at Neah Bay. Nick Winter wonders if the club could derive capital from it since we don't need it to trailer anything. Board Member Winter made a motion and it was seconded that Steve should determine if the trailer is in good shape and bring it down to the club. Motion passed.

Al Ferguson, N7OMS, reported on the upcoming Salmon Run contest at the clubhouse. Total pledges are up to approximately \$30.00 a county. People are encouraged to come to the operating event and the potluck.

Nick Winter, K7MO, announced that he has cataloged and connectorized the club's coax that is used at Field Day. He will get some hose reels and put coax on the reels and store it in the garage. He will turn the information over to the inventory committee.

President Randy adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.

PAT WINGERTER, KD7TRC  
RANDY THOMPSON AD7FF  
Acting Secretary  
President

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 12 September, 2007

The 12 September 2007 Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Randy Thompson AD7FF called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President: Randy Thompson -- AD7FF  
Vice President: Jill Palmer -- K7JIL  
Secretary: Larry Watson -- KD4VOM  
Treasurer: Gary McFadden -- K7UPG  
Board Member: Alan Lentz -- W7AML  
Board Member: Gary McAdams -- WG7X  
Board Member: Bob Purdom -- AD7LJ  
Board Member: Peter Baker -- AD7EU  
Board Member: Nick Winter -- K7MO

*A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. There were 34 names on the attendance roster*

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Was led by President Randy Thompson

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Self introductions were completed

### **ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY:**

Jill K7JIL has a card ready for Doug Oakman AD7AV, and Nick N7MO advises that Doug seems to be doing ok.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Larry Watson -- KD4VOM

**Correspondence:** Larry reports the usual utility and bank statements, along with some Salmon Run donations and a receipt for payment of our annual Bulk Mail Permit.

*(A copy of the current correspondence log is attached to the original copy of the minutes.)*

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Gary McFadden -- K7UPG

Gary reports that his financial software program is working again.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership:** No Report

**Committee:** Speaker

**VE Team Report:** John Clarke AC7WW reports that despite the gear and magazines stored in the classroom he was able to seat the seven candidates at the Volunteer Examination Session sponsored by the Radio Club of Tacoma. Thirteen elements were administered, graded and eight were passed. All seven candidates upgraded with two new Technicians, four General and one Extra Class licenses earned.

John also advised that a special test session will be conducted at the LDS Church in Gig Harbor on Thursday evening September 20<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. The Club's next regular testing session will be on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. John was ably assisted by VE's Steve KD7UBE, Jon AD7AW, Jim N7RHX, Shirley N7QHW, Don K7QLC, Al K7HW, Rich KK7VH, Steve AD7AB and Tom N7QHX

**PROGRAM:** Nick Winter -- K7MO and Al Ferguson N7OMS

Tonight's program consisted to two parts, First; an explanation of the history and background of the Western Washington QSO party now called the Salmon Run, and Second; The Radio Club of Tacoma's property maintenance, repair and improvement fund raising pledge program explained by the founder, Al Ferguson N7OMS.

Nick's presentation covered what the Salmon Run was all about, a Contest, Some Radio Fun, and not least, A Club Fund Raiser. The annual Washington State QSO party was first sponsored by the Boeing BEARS (Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society) in September of 1966. The QSO Party went silent from 1988 to 1990 when the Western Washington DX Club assumed sponsorship and in the process decided to use packaged Salmon as prizes and thus the name "Salmon Run"

Detailed rules are posted to the [www.WWDXC.org](http://www.WWDXC.org) website, but the Contest is conducted annually on the third weekend in September and this year covers 23 hours and operates on 160; 80; 40; 20; 10; and 6 meter bands using CS, SSB and digital modes.

Classes include Single Operator -- 12 Classes; Multi Operator -- 3 Classes; Washington Mobile -- 5 Classes; and Washington County Expedition -- 6 Classes. Scores are obtained by contacts and use of multipliers. Logging procedures and prizes are listed on the website. Nick also pointed out that several teams, some from our Club and others were planning either

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mobile or expedition teams. Nick and his bunch are planning to set up shop in Asotin County, while Harry Wong N7DOE and crew are headed for Gray's County...

Al Ferguson N7OMS kicked off the idea of piggy backing on the Salmon Run to raise some needed funds for the Radio Club of Tacoma's Clubhouse maintenance, repair and improvement. This idea "jelled". We are planning a crack team to run the W7DK HF station in support of the Club Salmon Run Pledge Drive.

The RCT Salmon Run pledge drive rules are simple; We will try to contact all of the 39 Washington State Counties, and solicit tax deductible donations for every contact, or for a specific donation amount. If for example one pledges a dollar a county, and we get all 39 counties, the Pledge is for \$39.00. For Al, it's a way to use our hobby to have some fun and raise needed facilities maintenance and improvement money at the same time.

For information contact Al – his number's in the roster, or just send your donation with the notation "Salmon Run" and it will be put in our maintenance, repair and improvement fund. All are invited to drop by and participate on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 to Midnight, and on Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 5pm. We are having a pot luck on Saturday around 6 pm, so come, and bring your favorite pot luck dish.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**None:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**None:**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Nominations and Elections:** Roger Terwilliger – WA7ANJ provided an overview of the importance of our annual nominations and election process. He encouraged folks to read the recent BARK articles describing the positions up for election and the job descriptions that go with those positions. Roger and Nick Pier KK7QS are currently on the Nominating Committee and welcome your inputs.

**First Contact:** Worth W7WG was proud to announce a first contact with Bob Patton II, KD7YDL

### **Discussion Topics:**

**Bylaws:** As a result of the Nominations and

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Elections discussion several asked where they could get a copy of the Bylaws... Each member should have received a copy with their membership package. This will be referred to Rick Rose KE7EMW for action.

**Door Prizes:** were won by Worth W7WG and Al Churchill AC7BU

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm

RICHARD (LARRY) WATSON KD4VOM  
RANDY THOMPSON AD7FF  
Secretary  
President

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### **VE REPORT By John AC7WW**

On the evening of September 11<sup>th</sup> 2007 at the clubhouse we were able to seat seven candidates at the Volunteer Examination session sponsored by the Radio Club of Tacoma. Thirteen elements were graded with eight being passed. All seven candidates upgraded with two new Technicians, four General and one Extra class licenses earned.

There will be a special test session at the LDS Church in Gig Harbor on Thursday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM. Our next regular testing session will be Tuesday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

Thanks to the following volunteer examiners for their time:

Steve, KD7UBE  
Al, K7HW  
Jon, AD7AW  
Rich, KK7VH  
Jim, N7RHX  
Steve, AD7AB  
Shirley, N7QHW  
Tom, N7QHX  
Don, K7QLC

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<b>Day</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Call</b>	<b>RCT Number</b>
1	Bill Watson	<b>W9BYH</b>	1806
2	Alfred Ross	<b>KE7AWV</b>	2255
2	Larry Smith	<b>KD7RKX</b>	2170
3	Jim Martin	<b>WB5K</b>	2230
5	Lee Webb	<b>KC7VAA</b>	1956
6	Jane Clark	<b>KD7UKQ</b>	2224
7	Chris Buck	<b>KE7LDE</b>	2328
9	Jackie Harris	<b>KC7CBN</b>	1800
11	Barbara Phillips	<b>N7FWA</b>	1126
11	Del Chase	<b>KB7PKI</b>	1623
12	Paul Montefusco	<b>AD7GN</b>	2261
13	Bill Bonnell	<b>K7PKM</b>	516
14	Milton Loflin	<b>KD7GUD</b>	2048
17	Thomas Sadler	<b>KC7UFX</b>	2020
18	Jill Palmer	<b>K7JIL</b>	1909
21	Gail Wolvin	<b>KB7UON</b>	2080
22	Casey Hicks	<b>WY7V</b>	797
22	Dawn Pier	<b>KC7VZM</b>	1968
24	Kermit Thompson	<b>W7PMR</b>	2007
26	Bill Wright	<b>KE7MEI</b>	2331
29	Roger Terwilliger	<b>WA7ANJ</b>	1618



**The President's Corner!**



My sincere apologies to all of the club members of the RCT for not doing this sooner. For those of you that do not know me, my name is Randy. And no I am not a youngster. I have been around and played with 2 things since I can remember :

1. hotrods, and motorcycles
2. Radio not always just ham radio, either.

To me; Radio is Radio; there are some good things and some bad things along with all of the above. As I see things my hobbies and livelihood give me an opportunity to give back to the fellowships and communities with which I not only live in but am involved in.

As for the Radio Club of Tacoma it is an Honor and a Privilege to serve the membership, despite all the politics involved. I thank you all for your tolerance and patience. Even still, we as a club, are faced with the rising costs of operations and we do need to possibly think about raising our dues, to accommodate these rising costs.

YA YA YA, I know more money, but lets face it, to keep a clubhouse where we can gather, and have our events. We as a whole have to all pitch in to help keep it and to keep it presentable to the public eye. Even though we sometimes take away the public ear. .Hi Hi. So let's see what we can ALL do with OUR future as a whole instead of the past. We have a lot of talented people in our membership, please let's not waste their time and talent.

By the way ,I am still looking for three good people to receive donated equip. for the club, experience with most types of ham gear or antiques is a plus. Anyone interested please call me before I call you. Let's get the load off of those that are going to have other things to do. With that note 73 ad7ff hopes to talk to some if not all of you on the air.

**WE GET LETTERS, REVISITED...**

Recently, we received this E-mail from Jill K7JIL:

Original Message -----

From: Douglas E. Oakman

To: Jill Palmer

Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2007 12:15 PM

Subject: RCT Business--THANK YOU

Dear Jill, It was great to work you and Frank during the SR. Thank you for the lovely card from the club. Next week I begin the major and most physically challenging phase of treatment. I am very hopeful. Please let the membership know how much I appreciate the club's care and concern. 73, Doug AD7AV  
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For what it is worth, the Mighty "DK Krew" also worked Doug while he was out in Grays Harbor county with Harry N7DOE, operating at W7PU.

Doug, it was neat to work you, and we're all pulling for you here at the Mighty W7DK!

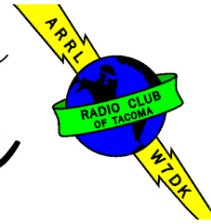
73!

Gary  
WG7X

Chief, cook, bottle washer, and lonely editor of the "Barkie"



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**Central Tacoma** 440.625 + PL=103.5

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**TO RCT MEMBER:**



# OCTOBER 2007 EVENTS

**Club Meetings:** Wednesdays October 10th and 24th at the library Administration building at 7:30 PM, 112th & Waller road. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Board Meeting,** Wednesday October 3rd 7:30 PM at the Clubhouse - All members welcome.

**License Testing** - Tuesday, October 9th 7:00 PM at the RCT clubhouse.

**BARK deadline Saturday October 26th 2007-** PLEASE get articles, columns, etc. in by that time!

- Support OUR club - Attend meetings, volunteer, Elmer.
- Check in to the 2-meter Net every Tuesday night at 7:30, on 147.28. Hear additional information on programs and other events.
- Check in on the 10 Meter Net every Sunday evening, 8 PM, on 28.375 MHz USB